

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-946**

**Avondale**

**14368 South Solomons Island Road**

**Solomons, Calvert County**

**ca. 1895**

**Private**

Avondale at 14368 South Solomons Island Road was constructed for Willis E. Overton and his wife Samantha circa 1895. The L-shaped house is more imposing than many of its neighbors, illustrating the Colonial Revival style at the turn of the twentieth century. The Overtons, and subsequent owners William H. and Marie Condiff, used their dwelling as a boarding house, providing temporary housing for visitors to Solomons Island. The property also includes a grocery and general store, a wood-frame structure moved to the rear of the lot by subsequent owners and now used as a garage.

This two-and-a-half-story dwelling is Colonial Revival in form and style. The wood-frame structure sits on a solid stretcher-bond brick foundation and has been clad with vinyl siding. The cross-gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles with a soffit and fascia clad with vinyl, has front-gable dormers on the north and south side elevations. Each dormer is clad with vinyl siding and has 1/1 vinyl-sash windows. A one-story polygonal bay projects from the north elevation. The façade, three bays wide within a front-gable, has 4/4 wood-sash windows on the first story, and 2/2 wood-sash windows on the second story. The single-leaf, paneled wood door is framed by two-light sidelights and capped by a three-light transom. A one-story, screened porch wraps from the eastern façade of the house around to the southern side. Tuscan wood columns support the half-hipped roof of the porch. A contemporaneous wood-frame structure, relocated to the rear of the property from its original location fronting South Solomons Island Road, was erected as a store and is now used as a garage.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

CT-946

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Avondale  
other Gross House

### 2. Location

street and number 14368 S. Solomons Island Road not for publication  
city, town Solomons vicinity  
county Calvert

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Daniel L. & Anne B. Gross  
street and number PO Box 1282 telephone Unknown  
city, town Solomons state MD zip code 20688-1282

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 44B:7  
city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 222 folio 16

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Current Function                             | Resource Count   |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture         | Contributing Noncontributing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade      | 2  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education           |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary            | 2  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government          |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care         |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry            |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape           |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture  |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> social              |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown             |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use   |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |  |
|   |   |  | Number of Contributing Resources<br>previously listed in the Inventory |
|   |   |  | 1  |

## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### SETTING

Avondale is located at 14368 South Solomons Island Road in the Avondale area of Solomons. The property is located on the east side of South Solomons Island Road, with a paved drive on the north side of the house leading to the relocated store/garage. The property, located on lots 6 and 7, consists of 27,925 square feet with large mature trees and plantings. Wooden posts with an iron chain frames the driveway.

### PRIMARY RESOURCE

This two-and-a-half-story dwelling is Colonial Revival in form and style. The wood-frame structure sits on a solid stretcher-bond brick foundation and has been clad with vinyl siding. The cross-gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles with a soffit and fascia clad with vinyl, has front-gable dormers on the north and south side elevations. Each dormer is clad with vinyl siding and has 1/1 vinyl-sash windows. A one-story polygonal bay projects from the north elevation. The façade, three bays wide within a front-gable, has 4/4 wood-sash windows on the first story, and 2/2 wood-sash windows on the second story. The windows have square-edged vinyl surrounds and louvered wood shutters. The single-leaf, paneled wood door is framed by two-light sidelights and capped by a three-light transom. A one-story, screened porch wraps from the eastern façade of the house around to the southern side. Tuscan wood columns support the half-hipped roof of the porch. A contemporaneous wood-frame structure, relocated to the rear of the property from its original location fronting South Solomons Island Road, was erected as a store and is now used as a garage. The two-and-a-half-story building is clad with wood weatherboard siding and has a front-gabled roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. It has three six-light, vertical paneled wood doors and 2/2 wood-sash windows.

### SECONDARY RESOURCE

A contemporaneous wood-frame structure, relocated to the rear of the property from its original location fronting South Solomons Island Road, was erected as a store and is now used as a garage. The two-and-a-half-story building is clad with wood weatherboard siding with cornerboards and has a front-gabled roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. It has three six-light, vertical paneled wood doors. There are two 2/2 wood-sash windows on the second story of the façade, one 2/2 wood-sash window on the rear of the garage, and one 2/2 wood-sash window on its southern side.

## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                               |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage              | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science             |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/<br>settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> social history      |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry      | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |  |

**Specific dates** ca. 1895

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1895

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### ENDNOTES

(1) Richard J. Dodds, compiler, Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour, Solomons, MD: Calvert Marine Museum, 1995, #53.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.64

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Avondale is located at 14368 South Solomons Island Road, Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house, along with its historic outbuildings, is noted on Tax Map 44B, Parcels 6 and 7. It has been historically associated with Parcels 6 and 7 since the construction of the house in 1895.

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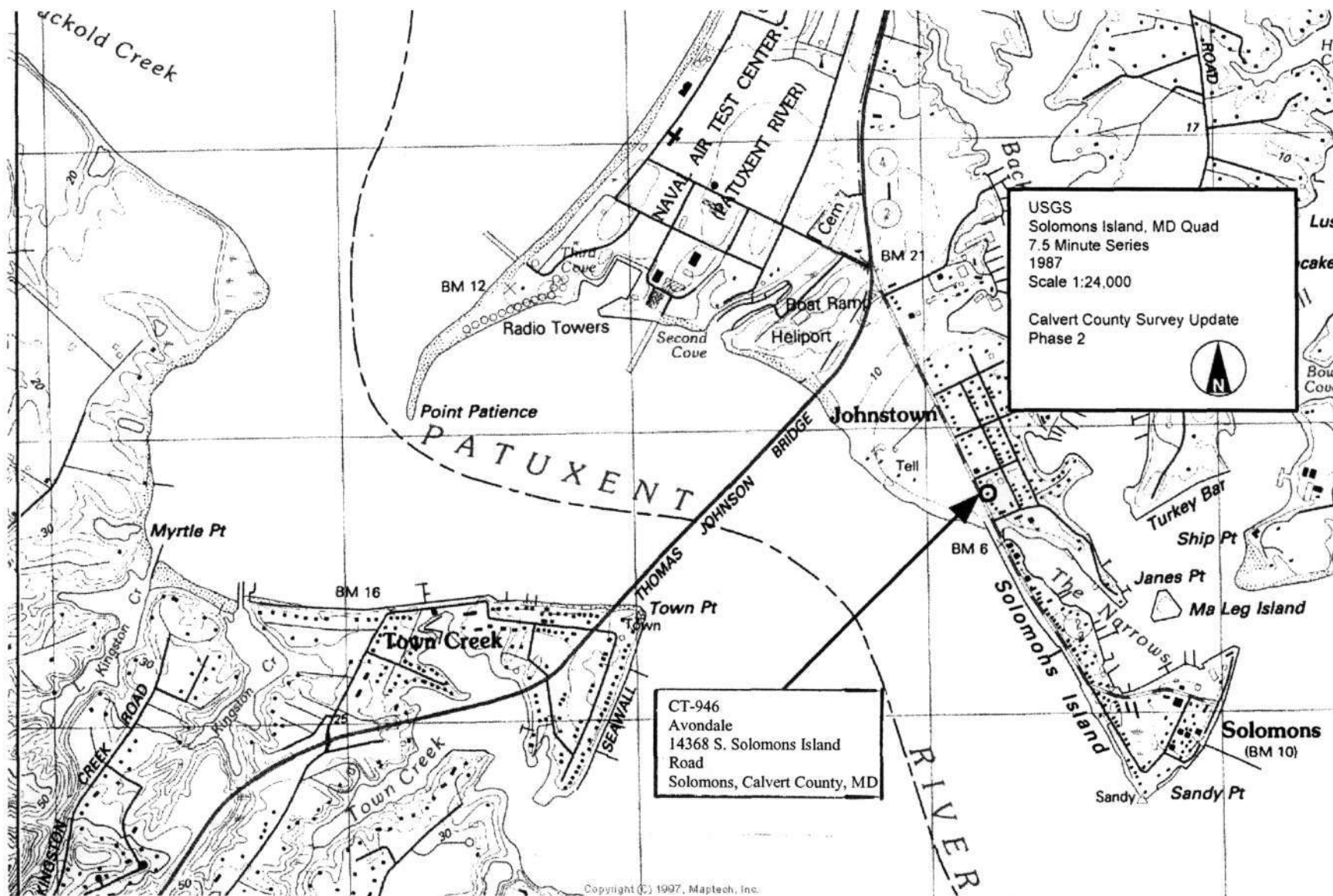
Name Avondale

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AVONDALE, 14368 S. Solomons Island Road,  
Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

looking northeast

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AVONDALE, 14368 S. Solomons Island Road.  
Calvert County, MD

EHT Traceries

11/2003

MD SHAO

looking east at garage

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Gross House

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Solomons Island Road South (MD 2) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Solomons \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

## 3. Classification

| Category             | Ownership                 | Status                   | Present Use                                |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| ___ district         | ___ public                | <u>X</u> occupied        | ___ agriculture ___ museum                 |
| <u>X</u> building(s) | <u>X</u> private          | ___ unoccupied           | ___ commercial ___ park                    |
| ___ structure        | ___ both                  | ___ work in progress     | ___ educational <u>X</u> private residence |
| ___ site             | <b>Public Acquisition</b> | <b>Accessible</b>        | ___ entertainment ___ religious            |
| ___ object           | ___ in process            | <u>X</u> yes: restricted | ___ government ___ scientific              |
|                      | ___ being considered      | ___ yes: unrestricted    | ___ industrial ___ transportation          |
|                      | <u>X</u> not applicable   | ___ no                   | ___ military ___ other:                    |

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Daniel L. Gross

street &amp; number P.O. Box 343 telephone no.:

city, town Solomons, state and zip code MD 20688

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. CT-946

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This turn-of-the-century two-and-a-half-story framed and weatherboarded house faces west onto Solomons Island Road. Set on a brick foundation, it is an L-plan gable-roofed structure with its three-bay facade set into the front-facing gable end. The facade is composed of a side-lighted and transomed entrance and flanked to the north by two two-over-two double-hung sash windows. The hipped-roof screened-in front porch is supported on Doric columns. There is a gable-roofed dormer set into the north face of the roof and a one-story polygonal bay projecting from the north side of the house. The house is in very good condition.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. CT-946

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-946

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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|   | Zone                 | Easting              |                      | Northing             |                      |                      |                      |

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

|       |      |        |      |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|

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| state | code | county | code |
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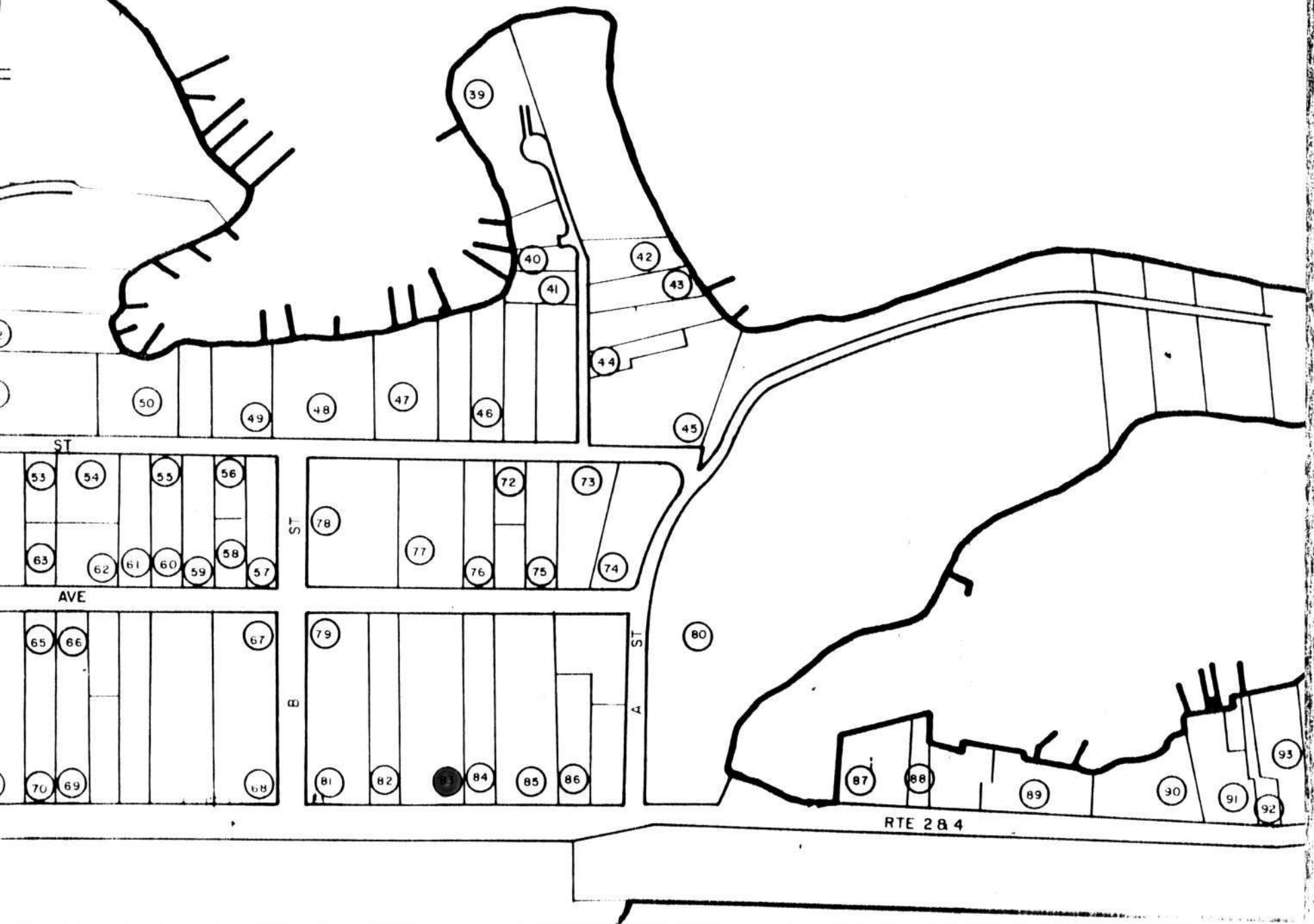
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Solomons Island Road  
Solomons

Camille Wells  
view from the northwest

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